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QUITO FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, NO
SUBJECT: EVENSEN'S VIEWS ON LOS FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND VISIT TO
MIT

1. WHEN PRESENTING HIS PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY AND MINING
CONTRACTORS TO THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE AALCC IN NEW
DELHI ON JULY 31, NORWEGIAN LOS MINISTER EVENSEN ENTERED
SEVERAL CAVEATS INDICATING HE IS PREPARING THE WAY FOR A
RETREAT. WITH RESPECT TO BOTH A FIXED FEE OF \$1-2 MILLION
AND PROFIT-SHARING PERCENTAGES OF 50 PERCENT AND 80 PER-
CENT, EVENSEN SAID THAT HIS ANALOGY TO NORTH SEA OIL
OPERATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN. ON THIS PRODUCTION
CHARGE, HE EXPRESSED THE "FEELING" THAT HIS PROPOSED
FIGURES MAY BE TOO HIGH FOR PROSPECTIVE MINERS AND SAID
THAT CALCULATIONS MUST BE BASED ON SALES PROCEEDS
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RATHER THAN AN ATTEMPT TO PLACE AN INHERENT VALUDE ON THE
NODULES. AS FOR HIS PROPOSAL THAT ATTRIBUTABLE NET
PROCEEDS BE SET AT 50 PERCENT, EVENSEN NOTED HIS "RE-
ACTION" THAT THIS IS TOO HIGH.

2. LATER, EVENSEN TOLD BERLIND THAT HE STILL WANTED TO
VISIT MIT BEFORE HE OFFERED A "COMPROMISE PROPOSAL" TO

THE CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. HE SUGGESTED THAT HE COULD
BREAK AWAY FROM THE CONFERENCE DURING THE FIRST WEEK FOR
ONE DAY AND ASKED THAT A SESSION WITH DR. NYHART BE
SCHEDULED AT LATTER'S CONVENIENCE. EVENSEN HAS RECEIVED
A MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN OFFICE IN OSLO PASSING ON EMBASSY
OSLO'S SUGGESTION FOR MIT VISIT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19.
HE WOULD MUCH PREFER A SUBSEQUENT WEEKDAY, SINCE HE WISHES
TO REST FOLLOWING HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO MOSCOW.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. REQUEST D/LOS ARRANGE FOR EVENSEN
VISIT TO MIT, ACCOMPANIED BY KATZ AND/OR SEBINIUS, DURING
WEEK OF AUGUST 21, IF POSSIBLE.
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